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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

REAGAN-GORBACHEV MEETINGS IN GENEVA  
November, 1985

Mrs. Gorbacheva's Tea for Mrs. Reagan

DATE: November 20, 1985  
TIME: 4:00 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.  
PLACE: Soviet Mission,  
Geneva, Switzerland

PARTICIPANTS:

United States

Mrs. Nancy Reagan  
Mrs. Eugenia Arensburger, Interpreter

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Mrs. Raisa Gorbacheva  
Soviet Interpreter

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Mrs. Gorbachev led Mrs. Reagan upstairs, where the walls of the first room were hung with children's posters. She explained that they were done by children of the Soviet Union for an exhibition entitled, "What the World Means to Me." She pointed out each poster in detail, noting the theme, as well as the name and age of the child. At the end of the tea, Mrs. Gorbachev presented Mrs. Reagan with the book of these posters.

A lavish Russian tea was served in the second room, with Mrs. Gorbachev explaining each dish and demonstrating the samovar.

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The ladies talked about their families, and the busy life each led as the wife of the head of the State/Party. Mrs. Gorbachev said that besides accompanying her husband on many trips, she continues to teach, keeps up correspondence with her former students, tries to keep up with the literature in her profession, and looks after the family. Her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live with the Gorbachevs.

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